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The Advertiser's presses were busy yesterday turning out the third edition of the New Year number, and enough copies were sold to almost swamp the Gaelic mails. The wheels will keep going around until the public demand is satisfied.

From a misapprehension of the statistics of the sugar crop for 1902, published yesterday, the total there given was incorrect. The estimates made were from nine agencies only, aggregating 281,000 tons. It is early yet for an estimate of the entire crop, which will be six months in harvesting, but the present outlook is extremely promising. The rains have been ample and general throughout the Territory. The total crop for 1901 was 350,000 tons. The crop for 1902 will, owing to the drought last year prevailing in a few districts, probably be somewhat less, although the present fine weather may raise the estimate somewhat.

## POVERTY AND ITS REMEDY.

We do not doubt that there is distress in Cuba. There always has been and there always will be so long as the people will not work, and that would be true of the people of the best country on earth. "Root, hog or die," is a homely saying, but it urges a truth of wide application. The Cubans are an indolent people of whom there are types in most tropical lands. They are averse to the strenuous life and would rather avoid its requirements than to escape poverty. Since the war of 1898 they look to the United States as an eleemosynary institution, somewhat as did the freedmen after the civil war who thought it was the duty of the government to give each negro forty acres and a mule. To that is mainly due their present wretchedness. They are waiting for something good to drop into their laps, which they can reach without effort; and while they wait they starve.

The kindest way to deal with the Cubans is to throw them on their own resources and let them "develop on American lines." They have a rich country, which will produce a good many articles of staple value. Their land is cheap and well-watered. If they cannot make a living there, when the Esquimaux can in Grinnell land and the Senegambians can under the equator and the Derivishes can on the sands of the Sudan and as the Mexican peons can in their tropical country, then they are too worthless to bother about. But assuredly the Cubans are as good as the Mexicans, and when given the incentive of dire need would probably work out their own salvation. Give them a chance. But don't help them at the expense of great American industries. Charity begins at home.

## THE ELECTRIC SITUATION.

In connection with the death of the young clerk at McInerney's store last week, caused by an electric switch, the Advertiser editorially commented upon the necessity of inspectors of wires and meters. There is no intention on the part of this paper of impugning the honor or the honesty of any one of the officials or companies involved, and such a meaning of any words used is disclaimed.

The point, and the sole point, which the Advertiser desires to emphasize is that with two sets of wires connected with the government electric light plant; the innumerable wires of the telephone company; the all-pervading wires of the electric light company and the trolley wires of the Rapid Transit Company, to which are now being added two more sets of wires for the Police Call and Fire Alarm Systems, the necessity for inspection and regulation of wires and wiring, is urgent; and incidentally that meters also should be inspected.

So far as meters are concerned, while the company is unquestionably sending honest bills for the quantity of electric current as indicated on the meters, the belief that these instruments are not exact in their measurement is so general, that we believe that it is in the interest of the company itself that an impartial official inspector be appointed to whom any dissatisfied customer may appeal. We know of a case in point where within the month, suspicion and dissatisfaction were allayed by the calling in of an outside electrician who tested the suspected meter and found it registering correctly.

As to the tangle of wires which exists and must exist until some systematic and independent inspection and control takes place, the fact that four people have thus far been killed by accidental contact therewith, removes the question from the region of argument. It is impossible for seven separate systems of wiring to be installed in the same territory and controlled by as many separate men or organizations, without danger of interference. Again the interests of the companies involved, as well as of the public, will be subserved by independent inspection.

The wiring companies, the public and the Department of Public Works are to be congratulated upon the prompt appointment of an inspector, and we believe that every reasonable suggestion made by him looking toward the achievement of greater safety in the control of the necessary but deadly electricity will be cheerfully and promptly complied with.

## The Quest of Miss Stone.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—According to the Salonika correspondent of the World, the first dragoman of the American legation, Gordulo, and Mr. Poet, representing the American Mission Board, have started for Djouma, very close to the Bulgarian frontier, in search of news of Miss Stone, the missionary held captive by the brigands.

## Sampson's Case Hopeless.

URANIA (Ill.), Dec. 28.—John B. Meeks, a personal friend of Admiral Sampson, has received a letter from the latter's wife, saying the Admiral is too ill to reply and his "brain is tired beyond ever being rested."

## METHODIST WOMEN WIN

It is Believed They Will Get Official Recognition at Conferences.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The long struggle for official recognition in the conferences by women of the Methodist church is probably ended, at last, and it is claimed that the women have won, says the Tribune. A statement to this effect has just been made by Dr. Stephen L. Baldwin, recording secretary of the Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal church, who says that the returns from the conferences are so far in that it is certain the new constitution is adopted.

The new constitution was submitted at the general conference of the church held in Chicago in 1900, approved by it, and referred for decision to the conferences throughout the world. The principal changes are that it gives women the right to sit as delegates in the general conference; it gives laymen's electoral meetings authority to vote on constitutional questions, and it changes the vote necessary to amend the constitution from three-fourths to two-thirds.

Dr. Baldwin said in an interview: "The subject of admitting women as delegates was first agitated at the general conference held in New York in 1888. At the general conference in 1896 six women were elected, but two withdrew. Another long discussion took place, and it was decided that the women might take their seats 'with title in dispute.' The four declined to accept this condition and withdrew. The question was submitted again to the church, but although a large majority of the ministers voted in favor of admitting women on equal terms, it was defeated, because the required three-fourths vote in favor was not obtained. Last year the general conference accepted the new constitution, which contained the desired clause. The various sectional conferences have all been heard from except a few in foreign fields, and more than the required three-quarters vote is assured."

## SEWALL TALKS.

Now He is Urging Congress to Draft Coastwise Shipping Laws.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Senator Lodge said today that until the Philippines were further along toward self-support there would have to be a tariff between the islands and the United States, the proceeds of which would go to the islands.

There is no objection in the Senate to applying coastwise laws to the Philippines, providing care is taken not to violate the treaty of Paris. Harold Sewall, former minister to Hawaii, who has inherited his father's big shipping interests, and who is also interested in the American-Hawaiian line, has been urging the application of the coastwise laws to the Philippines. He spoke to a number of Senators on the subject and found no objection. He was advised, however, to consult with Senator Frye, who was a member of the Peace Conference, and would be in a position to know how best to frame a bill to extend the coastwise regulations without violating the treaty with Spain. There has been some talk among the Senators on the subject, and the conclusion has practically been reached that an amendment will be offered providing for the extension of the coastwise laws to the Philippines on January 1, 1903, with the provision that article 4 of the treaty of Paris shall be added. This article gives Spanish ships and merchandise the same rights as our own in the Philippines.

## A San Diego Blizzard.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 28.—At Campo, a mountain town on the edge of the desert, sixty miles east of here, last night's storm did some heavy damage. Telephone reports from there say that no such heavy windstorm has ever before been known there. Roofs of houses were blown off, and some houses were completely demolished. Residents had to brace their houses from the inside during the night. The store of E. H. Wiggam, with its contents, was entirely destroyed. People coming in from the desert report that the passes are almost blocked by fallen limbs and trees. The surveying department of the San Diego and Eastern Road lost part of their camp outfit and succeeded in saving the remainder by weighting it down with rocks.

## Portland's Crimps.

NANTES, Dec. 28.—The Petit Phare has published a letter, signed by eight French captains and dated Portland, Ore., November 22, addressed to the French consul general at San Francisco, complaining of the crimping methods at Portland, asking the consul to intervene, denouncing the attitude of the French consular agent at Portland, and demanding a government inquiry into the subject. It is expected that the British government may propose taking joint action with France.

## De Wet's Success.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The War Office this afternoon issued a list of the British casualties at Zeefontein December 24 (when Colonel Finnerman's camp, consisting of three companies of yeomanry and two guns, was successfully rushed by a Boer commando) under General De Wet. The list indicates the entire success of De Wet's attack. Six officers and fifty men were killed, eight officers were wounded and four are missing. It is presumed that the missing officers were taken along with the guns.

## Favor Exclusion Law.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The Kahn bill for Chinese exclusion is meeting with favor among treasury officials now.

## MUCH SUGAR SPECULATION

The Prices Recede and Advance Under Manipulation of Brokers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Sugar—Raw, easier. Fair refining, 3 1-8c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 5-8c; molasses sugar, 2 7-8c. Refined was steady. Crushed, 5 1/2c; powdered, 4 5/8c; granulated, 4 7/8c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The speculation in sugar during the week had a dominant influence in the stock market, prices receding while that stock was under bear pressure and rising when the bears in sugar were routed and obliged to cover. Fears of a year-end money squeeze have not proved justified, and the market ignored the quite general decreases reported in gross earnings by railroads, for the third week in December. Expectation of easy money in January after year-end requirements are satisfied has led to some buying of stocks, but dealings have been for the most part in professional hands. Some investment buying of high grade bonds and stocks is reported. The improvement in copper trade conditions has removed an incubus from the market.

## Looking Over the West Indies.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Concerning the arrival on the Patricia from Hamburg of a number of German officers, the Herald says: "As the guests of Emperor William of Germany, although he will not accompany them, several officers of the German army just arrived in this country will cruise about the West Indies on the Prinzessin Victoria Luise. The yacht-like steamship sails next Saturday."

## A King for a Guest.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—According to the Nice, France, correspondent of the Journal and American, applications have been made for places in the church for the King of the Belgians and his daughter, Princess Clementine, during the ceremony, in connection with the church wedding of United States Senator Depew.

## Evans to Command.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A special to the Sun from Washington says: "Secretary Long has determined to assign Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans to the command of the Asiatic naval station, which includes the Philippines and China, as soon as the sea term of Rear Admiral Frederick Rodgers expires."

## Hawaii's Chance.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—Senator Bard has been informed of President Roosevelt's intention to visit California this summer, immediately after Congress adjourns.

## Will Reduce Rates.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—James J. Hill is planning a general reduction of freight rates to swing public sentiment in favor of the recent big railroad combination.

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